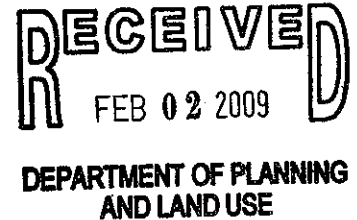


**Special Meeting of the  
Ramona Community Planning Group  
15873 Hwy 67 – Ramona, CA 92065  
Agenda for January 26, 2009**

**7:00 PM @ Ramona Community Center, 434 Aqua Lane**



A special meeting of the Ramona Community Planning Group (RCPG) was held January 26, 2009, at 7 p.m., at the Ramona Community Center, 434 Aqua Lane, Ramona, California.

In Attendance:	Chris Anderson	Matt Deskovick (Arr 7:30)	Katherine L. Finley
	Kathy S. Finley	Bob Hailey	Eb Hogervorst
	Kristi Mansolf	Jim Piva	Dennis Sprong
	Paul Stykel	Angus Tobiason	Richard Tomlinson

Absent: Chad Anderson, Dennis Grimes

Resigned: Beverly Maes

Chris Anderson, Chair of the RCPG, acted as Chair of the meeting. Kristi Mansolf, Secretary of the RCPG, acted as Secretary of the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER (Chris Anderson, Chair) – 7:10 p.m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM – The Secretary determined there was a quorum.
4. LIST OF ABSENTEES FOR THIS MEETING. Determination of Excused and Unexcused Absences. No one had heard from Chad Anderson. Dennis Grimes had an excused absence.
5. APPROVAL OF ORDER OF THE AGENDA (Action)

The order of the agenda was approved with no objections, with Chad Anderson, Matt Deskovick and Dennis Grimes absent.

6. ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER and The Brown Act – General Information on What These Documents Are and How They Apply to the RCPG (Chair)

The Chair said Roberts Rules of Order govern how the RCPG meetings are conducted. The Brown Act defines how the public participates in the meeting

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS & Correspondence Received (Chair)

The Chair announced that the General Plan Amendment and Vacation issue for Montecito Road would probably be back before the RCPG in April. She has specified that we don't want to give up this alignment without getting back something. The Ramona Street Extension project will be back in March.

The Chair announced that per the RCPG Standing Rules, new subcommittee chairs are appointed in February.

8. NON-AGENDA ITEMS Presentations on Land Issues not on Current Agenda (No Presentations on Ongoing Projects – These Must be Agendized) – None
9. Presentation by the County on Low Impact Development Training. State Water Quality Regulations and County Ordinance Require Development Projects Use these Techniques. Stephanie Gaines, Presenter

Ms. Gaines from DPLU presented required training for Planning and Sponsor Groups on Low Impact Development (LID).

One of the examples in the training was the plans for the Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church proposed for the corner of Highland Valley Rd. and Hwy 67. The impervious surface is broken up and there will be no increase in the velocity of water or amount of water leaving the site.

There is an example of LID at the County Operations Center on Ruffin Road. Karen Franz will provide a 10 minute tour of the site for those interested.

Following the training, there was discussion on the stricter requirements of the Ramona Fire Department over the County standards for materials to be used when surfacing private easements. The Ramona Fire Department requires materials that cost about \$5 more per square foot than the County requires. Mr. Deskovick asked if someone from the County could talk to the County Fire Marshall and the Ramona Fire Department to see if there is a way to bring the Fire Department more in line with County requirements.

The Chair suggested that the County work with the Ramona Air Center project proponents to create a future example for LID.

10. GP Update Plan (Anderson) (Action Items -- Draft General Plan Comments Due to DPLU 1-30-09)
  - A. Ramona Community Plan Update -- Circulation and Mobility, Conservation and Open Space, Safety, Noise, Specific Plans and Special Study Areas. Consideration of Items Carried Over from 10-2-08

Speaker: LaVonna Connelly, Ramona Resident

Ms. Connelly announced that there were public transit cuts that included Ramona 5 months ago. This involves social issues which are integrated with planning issues. There are 3 low income affordable housing apartments in Ramona where people were directly affected by the loss of public transit, not to mention numerous seniors. Ms. Connelly appreciates the update to the Community Plan text language made by the GP Update Subcommittee for public transit that reflects the current status.

Ms. Mansolf said that public transit wasn't paying for itself. Our fixed route service which had a paratransit component was cut to commuter route service, which eliminated the paratransit component (FAST bus), leaving seniors, disabled and people of limited means without a way to get around town. SANDAG has taken the lead on getting grants for the region, and they will be exploring community needs starting in March or May of 2009 for a future grant period. Accurately reflecting our public transit status is important. The Density Bonus formula can be applied to allow an increase from lands zoned 10.9 du per acre to 40 du per acre under the right

conditions, which include public transit. The FAST bus was booked sometimes weeks in advance.

The Chair said Public Transit is still in the Plan. We don't want to lose it altogether.

Ms. Connelly said the FAST bus had 100 rides a day.

The Community Plan text for Circulation was presented with changes.

Regarding the Community Plan text for Circulation, Mr. Stykel said he didn't want to take the traffic off Main St. as described in the Goals with the discussion of bypasses. He felt we want to give residents better access to their homes by providing bypasses. This concept comes up again later in the text as regards the bypasses. Rather than keeping through traffic off Main St., he wanted to see traffic slowed on Main St. through town.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE CIRCULATION AND PUBLIC TRANSIT SECTIONS OF THE MODIFIED COMMUNITY PLAN TEXT.**

Upon motion made by Matt Deskovick and seconded by Angus Tobiason, the Motion **passed 12-0-0-3**, with Chad Anderson and Dennis Grimes absent, and Beverly Maes resigned.

Law Enforcement

Ms. Mansolf presented the changes made by the Sheriff's Dept. The Chair presented the changes made by the Subcommittee, recognizing volunteers working out of the Sheriff's Substation and a statement reflecting growing needs.

Mr. Sprong suggested that the statement on Ramona's needs be replaced with a statement that Ramona would like to achieve the recognized level of service for law enforcement for the State and the County.

**MOTION: TO DELETE SUBCOMMITTEE CHANGES AND APPROVE THE RCPG CHANGES TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT SECTION.**

Upon motion made by Dennis Sprong and seconded by Bob Hailey, the Motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Chad Anderson and Dennis Grimes absent, and Beverly Maes resigned.

1. AHOPE Comments from November, to Include Review of Draft Conservation Element, Review of Draft Open Space Element, and Review of History Draft Text

The Chair presented comments from the GP Update Subcommittee on Conservation. It was suggested that resources be identified in an appendix compiled by DPLU, which would strike many of the original changes.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE CONSERVATION SEGMENT AS PROPOSED, FINDINGS: ...THOSE WHICH MAY BE DESCRIBED AS AREA-WIDE ATTRIBUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT, I.E., CHAPARRAL, GROUNDWATER, ARCHAEOLOGY AIR QUALITY, TREES, AND OTHER NATURAL ENERGY SOURCES.**

**MOVE TO POLICIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS, CONSERVATION, UNDER 12:  
12.1 PROJECTS THAT IMPACT THE DRAINAGE AREAS WITHIN THE TOWN  
CENTER SHALL ENHANCE THOSE AREAS WITH NATURAL MATERIALS AND  
RURAL DESIGN, AVOIDING HIGH DENSITY ZONING NEAR THESE DRAINAGE  
AREAS.**

**REQUEST TO ADD AN APPENDIX TO THE CONSERVATION ELEMENT FOR THE  
RESOURCE CONSERVATION AREAS, RESOURCE PROTECTION AREAS,  
BIOLOGICAL COMMUNITIES AND HABITATS.**

**FIRE ECOLOGY: THE RAMONA PLANNING AREA IS PART OF AN ECOLOGICAL  
SYSTEM THAT IS PRONE TO BURN AS A MECHANISM FOR RE-GROWTH AND  
RENEWAL OF THE NATURAL SPECIES IN OUR AREA.**

Upon motion made by Kristi Mansolf and seconded by Matt Deskovick, the Motion **passed 11-1-0-0-3**, with Richard Tomlinson voting no, Chad Anderson and Dennis Grimes absent, and Beverly Maes resigned.

2. Consideration of Trails, Transportation and Circulation (T&T & General Plan)

Circulation

**MOTION: TO ADD TO THE CIRCULATION ELEMENT, CIRCULATION GOAL:  
DEVELOP A CIRCULATION SYSTEM THAT WILL SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT  
OF THE SANTA MARIA CREEK GREENWAY AND MAINTAIN RAMONA'S  
COLONNADE OF TREES.**

Upon motion made by Jim Piva and seconded by Kristi Mansolf, the Motion **passed 10-2-0-0-3**, with Bob Hailey and Angus Tobiason voting no, Chad Anderson and Dennis Grimes absent, and Beverly Maes resigned.

Community Background, History

The Chair brought forward additional text for the History section, from the Subcommittee meeting.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE HISTORY MODIFICATION FOR COMMUNITY  
BACKGROUND.**

Upon motion made by Matt Deskovick and seconded by Katherine L. Finley, the Motion **passed 10-2-0-0-3**, with Jim Piva and Angus Tobiason voting no, Chad Anderson and Dennis Grimes absent, and Beverly Maes resigned.

3. Consideration of and Parks (Parks & General Plan)
  - a. Future Parks: Ramona Lake Park to Have Public Access

The Chair requested County Parks provide us with a map showing parklands in Ramona, to include the amount of acreage of passive, active, recreational, etc. parks in Ramona. The Chair would also like to see future parks on the map.

Through discussion, some of the lands this would include would be Cummings Ranch and Montecito Ranch, the Boys and Girls Club site by the Foster Truck Trail, and Boulder Oaks. Wellfield Park was not shown on the map, but may not be a County park.

Mr. Sprong would like to see a map that shows all the dedicated and designated open space in Ramona.

The Chair would like to see how all the open space in Ramona connects on a map. She would like this issue to be reviewed by the Parks Subcommittee in the future.

Parkland/preservation land was discussed. Mr. Deskovick wanted to be able to retain the agricultural use of ag land that became parkland.

**MOTION: PARKLAND/PRESERVATION LAND WITH A PRIOR AGRICULTURAL ZONING SHALL RETAIN AGRICULTURAL USES.**

Upon motion made by Bob Hailey and seconded by Jim Piva, the Motion **passed 11-0-0-0-4**, with Chad Anderson, Dennis Grimes, and Eb Hogervorst absent, and Beverly Maes resigned.

**MOTION: LAKE RAMONA PARK TO BE SUPPORTED BY PUBLIC ACCESS FROM RAMONA. DELETE VERNAL POOLS (PARKS). POSSIBLY CREATE A NATIVE PLANT/BOTANICAL GARDEN/VERNAL POOL PRESERVE AS A PASSIVE USE FOR EDUCATION, PRESERVATION AND ECOTOURISM ON THE 40 ACRE PARCEL NEAR THE HIGH SCHOOL.**

Upon motion made by Bob Hailey and seconded by Kathy S. Finley, the Motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Chad Anderson and Dennis Grimes absent, and Beverly Maes resigned.

**MOTION: DELETE POCKET PARK AT 10<sup>TH</sup> AND MAIN. SUPPORT THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF A MAJOR COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL PARK.**

Upon motion made by Bob Hailey and seconded by Dennis Sprong, the Motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Chad Anderson and Dennis Grimes absent, and Beverly Maes resigned.

Trails

**MOTION: TO MODIFY THE TRAILS DOCUMENT TO REFLECT THE RAMONA COMMUNITY TRAILS AND PATHWAY MASTER PLAN NETWORK TIES INTO THE COUNTY TRAILS NETWORK.**

Upon motion made by Kathy S. Finley and seconded by Paul Stykel, the Motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Chad Anderson and Dennis Grimes absent, and Beverly Maes resigned.

Fire Protection

This section was approved previously by the RCPG, but San Diego Rural Fire Protection District had not been identified as providing fire protection to Barona Mesa, and Station 81 had been incorrectly named. These changes were brought forward.

**MOTION: TO APPROVE THE FIRE PROTECTION SECTION, AS PROPOSED.**

Upon motion made by Bob Hailey and seconded by Kristi Mansolf, the Motion **passed 11-1-0-0-3**, with Chad Anderson and Dennis Grimes absent, and Beverly Maes resigned.

Environmental Setting

The following additions were brought forward by the Chair:

**MOTION: TO ADD TO ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING, "A 100-YEAR-OLD MAIN STREET COLONNADE OF EUCALYPTUS TREES PLANTED BY RAMONA'S PIONEERS."**

Upon motion made by Bob Hailey and seconded by Kristi Mansolf, the Motion **passed 9-2-1-0-3**, with Angus Tobiason and Richard Tomlinson voting no, Dennis Sprong abstaining, Chad Anderson and Dennis Grimes absent, and Beverly Maes resigned.

**MOTION: POLICIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS, PAGE 7, #6: MAINTAIN A CONSISTENT... THE AREA BETWEEN THE FAÇADE OF THE BUILDING AND THE ROADWAY SHOULD BE DELINEATED AS THE PEDESTRIAN CORRIDOR AND SHOULD INCLUDE STREET TREES.**

Upon motion made by Kristi Mansolf and seconded by Matt Deskovick, the Motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Chad Anderson and Dennis Grimes absent, and Beverly Maes resigned.

4. Comments on Draft General Plan Document

The Chair brought forward several comments on the Draft General Plan document.

**MOTION: TO SEND THE CHANGES/COMMENTS AS PROPOSED.**

Upon motion made by Bob Hailey and seconded by Kristi Mansolf, the Motion **passed 11-1-0-0-3**, with Angus Tobiason voting no, Chad Anderson and Dennis Grimes absent, and Beverly Maes resigned.

B. Consideration and Recommendation on Draft Village Limit Line/Draft Rural Village Boundary (Carried Over from Special Meetings 6-19-08 and 7-3-08)

The Chair said the Subcommittee felt it would be beneficial if there were no change in the Draft Village Limit Line/Draft Rural Village Boundary.

**MOTION: TO MAINTAIN BOTH THE DRAFT VILLAGE LIMIT LINE AND DRAFT RURAL VILLAGE BOUNDARY.**

Upon motion made by Bob Hailey and seconded by Kristi Mansolf, the Motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Chad Anderson and Dennis Grimes absent, and Beverly Maes resigned.

11. RCPG Vacancy – Group Recommendation of Person Receiving the Highest Number of Votes after Those Officially Seated in January to Fill Vacancy left by Beverly Maes, Seat 15. Torry Brean is the Next Highest Vote Getter (Action)

**MOTION: TO RECOMMEND TORRY BREAN AS THE NEW REPLACEMENT MEMBER.**

Upon motion made by Kristi Mansolf and seconded by Katherine L. Finley, the Motion **passed 12-0-0-0-3**, with Chad Anderson and Dennis Grimes absent, and Beverly Maes resigned.

12. Appointment of Subcommittee Chairs for 2009 (Chair)

The Chair informally announced subcommittee chair assignments that will be announced at the February 5 meeting. South: Bob Hailey; T&T: Jim Piva; West: Kristi Mansolf. Torry Brean agreed to take CUDA, when reappointed. The Chair asked Ms. Kathy S. Finley if she would take East again? Ms. Finley said that she lost all of her subcommittee members after the Witch Creek fire. A notice had been put in the paper looking for members. There was no response. East projects have been reviewed by West. Ms. Anderson suggested running a notice in the Ramona Sentinel again.

13. ADJOURNMENT – 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Mansolf